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From the Editor's Desk

Greetings, South African Friends

The South African Mission is never far away from us. We keep in close touch through "Cumorah's Southern Messenger", which we read religiously, especially the highlights, Sister Felicia Fourie lives at our home and shares her "Cape Argus" and most of the mission news from her letters. Brother Johannes Stemmett is a near neighbour. Brother and Sister Alldredge (Hilda Hubert) are among our dearest friends. We take an active interest in our South African reunions twice a year and meet with our former missionaries every month or two. Hearing from South Africa is like hearing from "home".

It is now about five years since we left South Africa. We had a delightful trip home. It took us about a month to find a house to live in and remake our home. The older girls and I went to work soon after our arrival. I went back to the Chamber of Commerce for a while, then was personnel director at the Latter-day Saint Hospital. After being at the hospital for a year, I became executive secretary of the Deseret Sunday School Union. So much for my daily occupations.

Sister Folland has spent several days a week on Relief Society work ever since her arrival home. She is in the South 20th Ward presidency and handles the work and welfare projects.

The older girls were teachers in Sunday School and Mutual until they married splendid Latter-day Saint boys in the Salt Lake Temple. Both of our sons-in-law have fulfilled missions and have been in the armed forces. JoAnn now has two handsome big boys. Bonnie has a beautiful, blonde daughter. No need to say these children are grandma and grandpa's pride and joy.

Eleanor has finished high school, went for a short time to the Brigham Young University and is now working in the Sunday School office. She never misses any of her Church meetings.

I started out teaching Sunday School upon our arrival home, then was stake Mutual president, a little later was called to the General Board of the Deseret Sunday School Union. In my Sunday School work I have had the privilege of visiting almost every one of the 174 stakes in the Church. These activities have kept us very busy every day of the week. We enjoy our work. The only difficulty is that time passes so rapidly.

Some of you will remember the coloured motion pictures we took of South Africa. We have certainly publicised that country. During our first two years at home we were in constant demand to show our pictures. Even now we receive requests occasionally. We stopped counting after we had shown them to 200 different groups.

We learned to love all of you and your country.

by
Richard E. Folland
Former Mission President

We are deeply concerned with your well-being. You who have joined the Church know the satisfaction and joy that comes through the knowledge of the gospel. We know the joy and satisfaction of living the principles of the gospel.

Our experiences in the South African Mission strengthened our testimonies. We were especially gratified to note the progress and development of those members who were called to take the responsibilities and do the work that the missionaries had been doing. To many the withdrawal of our missionaries during the war was a blessing in disguise. You rallied to the call nobly. Now that you have missionaries, we feel confident that you are making even greater progressive strides. Do not forget that in activity there is growth. "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."

Our message to you, brothers and sisters, is that we know that the gospel is true, that Joseph Smith was and is a true prophet of God. That by living the principles of the gospel we will have joy and satisfaction in this life and will inherit eternal life in the Celestial Kingdom. These things have been demonstrated to us. We know them to be true. You may prove them to your satisfaction. Study the gospel, heed advice and counsel, gain a testimony for yourselves. Do not pin your faith on any living person. We humans are frail; the principles of the gospel are perfect. If you are prone to judge, determine whether it is because of human frailties or a principle of the gospel. You will be happy if you live to the best of your knowledge and let judgments rest with your God.

We know that the South African Mission will continue to progress under the able leadership of President and Sister Evan P. Wright. This is the work of the Lord. Nothing but you may hinder its progress. God will bless you in your efforts.

"For behold, the Lord doth grant unto all nations, of their own nation and tongue, to teach His word; yea in wisdom, all that he seeth fit that they should have; therefore we see that the Lord doth counsel in wisdom, according to that which is just and true." (Alma 29:8.)

"Mormonaire" Attract Bloemfontein Audiences

By Elder G. Phillip Margetts



The "Mormonaire" (l. to r.): Elders Stewart H. Parker, J. Golden Barton, G. Phillip Margetts, Sterling R. Provost

Bloemfontein has become a place of unusual activity the past month. The missionaries labouring here have introduced a unique means of proselyting the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

At the disorganisation of the "Cumorah Quartet," Elder Stewart H. Parker, one of its prominent members, remained in Bloemfontein to continue his missionary labours. He replaced Elder Milan Felt as Elder Margetts' companion.

Shortly after that time, President Wright decided to privilege the fair city of Bloemfontein with two more Elders, which resulted in the arrival of Elders Kenneth H. Mitchell and Sterling R. Provost.

In an effort to keep the spark left by the Cumorah foursome burning, the "Centre City" Elders got together and formed a quartette of their own. After a little prac-

tice together their confidence increased, and they sang publicly at the Bloemfontein Army Air Base and the General Hospital, entertaining many people.

This quartette was short-lived because of the return of Elder Mitchell to the United States. But, with the arrival of Elder J. Golden Barton, quartette activities were resumed in Bloemfontein. His voice fitted in very well in the part left vacant by Elder Mitchell.

All four Elders were fired with enthusiasm to "liven things up a bit," so they went about making arrangements to sing publicly.

An engagement was made to sing at one of the local tearooms. As the day rolled around the Elders found themselves the centre of attraction for many earnest listeners, who packed the tearoom to hear

the novel and sentimental strains of the American music.

Desiring to aspire to greater heights, these four "crooning missionaries" (the name attached to them by the local Press), contacted the producer of a musical show. This show was soon to be given in Bloemfontein in aid of the Polio Fund. The producer was very pleased to include them in his show after a short audition. •

This meant a lot of publicity would come to the Elders and they, desiring to let the public know who they were, got together and chose a name that would accomplish this purpose. After much thought, the name "Mormonaires" was unanimously decided upon and from thenceforth they became known by this title. Their pictures and names appeared throughout the city in advertisements and programmes for the forthcoming show, and they received many favourable Press comments.

While awaiting the opening night of the show, these four songsters were fortunate in having the opportunity to visit the Kruger Park, Swaziland and Zululand. One evening the Mormonaires entertained a group of people around a campfire at the Letaba Rest Camp in the Kruger Park. But highlighting the trip was the quartette's experience with the Zulu natives, who were found to be the most intent listeners. The "black men" thoroughly enjoyed the popular strains of American music as rendered by their "white brothers."

Returning to Bloemfontein after an eventful trip brought a series of engagements for the missionary vocalists that they had not anticipated. They were approached by the Boxing Committee and were requested to attend the Free State Boxing Championships. So, one Saturday evening the Mormonaires were found in a boxing ring at the Bloemfontein City Hall. Not boxing, but singing, introducing a new kind of entertainment to the boxing fans.

Public appearances became quite frequent for the "Mormonaires," and once again they were heard, this time at a local dance in the Railway Institute Hall, which added

to their rapidly rising popularity with Bloemfontein audiences.

The most interesting evening spent by the quartette was at the Eunice Girls' High School, where the four sang at a social function. After the first few songs the "Mormonaires" were swarmed by hundreds of eager school girls who had only one objective—to get autographs. Even Elder H. G. Wilcox, who had just arrived from the Cape, was cornered and kept busy signing his "John Henry." A great deal of confusion was caused by this affair, so it was necessary for the principal to ask our "popular five" to leave so as to restore order. They all managed to escape the onslaught without being bruised and returned to their homes feeling somewhat like Frank Sinatra must feel after a public performance before over-zealous bobby-soxers.

Finally the big night arrived when the four crooners made their first public appearance in the show, "Royal Salute" at the Grand Theatre. Being the first time they had appeared on stage under lights in Bloemfontein the four were rather nervous as they strutted on stage in their white coats, plastered—with make-up.

The show reached its climax during the "Western Scene" when the four enthusiasts appeared on stage decked out in cowboy suits, shooting guns and singing the ever-popular "Ragtime Cowboy Joe."

The audience applauded vigorously after each appearance. The next day the local papers praised the "Mormonaires."

After four nightly and one matinee performance in the show "Royal Salute" the "Mormonaires" were nearly exhausted. But they did not stop here as other engagements had previously been made. During the interval at the Plaza Theatre one evening, the "sentimentalists" were heard by earnest movie-goers. The applause was still heard as the "Mormonaires" left the theatre, they being unable to give an encore because of time.

Found to be the favourite among all audiences was the "Mormonaire's" version

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BERLIN, Germany.—Latter-day Saints of the East German Mission marked another important milestone of post-war reconstruction on July 18 in the "quartered city" of Berlin, as 75 saints turned out for an impressive ceremony heralding the beginning of the construction of Berlin's first LDS chapel.

Site of the new chapel is Dahlem, Berlin's most attractive section, in the American section just five minutes from the United States Military Government Headquarters for Germany. It is conveniently located for all modes of transportation and is just around the corner from the East German Mission Home. President Alma

Sonne remarked that he had never seen a more desirable location for a meeting house. —(Deseret News, Church Section.)

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa.—The radio feature which has been longest on the air in the United States is not a jiving jazz band nor a crooner employed to proclaim the virtues of Pep Bubble washing flakes. It happens to be the choir of the Salt Lake City Tabernacle, a magnificent collection of 350 voices which has been broadcasting almost since the first American station went on to the ether.

Thinking there must be some reason why Mormon missionaries sing so well, as evidenced by the recent stage success of the "Mormonaires," I tried to find out from Mr. G. P. Margetts.

He sang baritone and lead in the "Mormonaires."

Mr. Margetts says it was purely coincidence that the four missionaries stationed in Bloemfontein had the right voices to make up a quartette, but admits that there is a fair amount of singing talent floating around in Salt Lake City.

The popular conception about Mormons is quite wrong, declares Mr. Margetts. They are not people who believe in having a multiplicity of wives. Polygamy was practised at one time but was abandoned in 1890.

The church is not an offshoot of any other church, they say. It arose out of the Divine Revelations made to Joseph Smith.

The name Mormon is actually a nickname. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the real designation.

Altogether there are 8,500 missionaries spread all over the world, and 70 missionaries in South Africa.—(Press notice appearing in "The Friend," Bloemfontein daily paper.)

OUR FRONT COVER

Pictured here is world-famous Table Mountain, standing in majestic silence to greet the newcomer to the shores of Africa. In the foreground may be seen the Cape Town Houses of Parliament.

This month's cover is dedicated to the departing missionaries, who will always associate their thoughts of South Africa with "dear old Tafelberg."

LIFE — A LESSON

By MADGE WEST.

"Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep his commandments, or no". (Dent. 8: 2)

Human beings have two ages, the physical and the spiritual. The physical age may be divided by the years and months, but the spirit has a growth of its own; periods not marked by calendars and to other eyes not evident, but discernible only to each individual looking back through time.

Life never remains static. Something happens to each of us every day. If we can learn to anticipate the unexpected we will readily be able to adopt the attitude that each experience is an adventure, that no situation can last indefinitely and that from each we may learn a lesson.

Unfortunately, we are alone in our experiences and sufferings. No matter how well we may attempt to explain, only we have the knowledge of the impressions they make and leave.

Those who have progressed under God's tuition realize that to ascend to the highest it is necessary first to descend to the darkness and there search for the treasures of truth and wisdom which, like gold and precious stones, are not found in great quantities upon the surface of the earth.

All truth and knowledge, no matter how seemingly unimportant, have been bought with human tears. We may read or hear of them but they only gain significance when we ourselves have experienced them.

Wisdom is only found through suffering. Even Jesus, "Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered". Only our own experiences can teach us the laws of a wise and noble life. Without this tuition our characters would never grow. But, while suffering may be a cleansing and strengthening process, it may easily cause us to retrogress, for it necessitates fighting not only out-

ward adversaries but the more powerful ones of cynicism, bitterness and self-pity. These do bring temporary relief, but bitterness will not bring peace, nor self-pity strength.

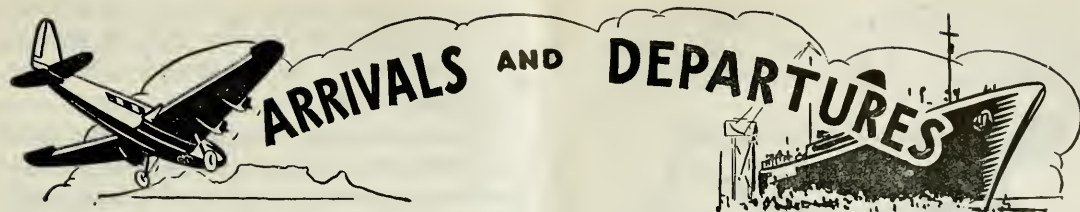
Tears and pain should help us plant our roots into the rich soil of life deep below the crust of superficiality, to wait in patience, even through years, for what is worth having. We gain the knowledge that true greatness is to love the common things of life and we are enabled to walk amongst men in understanding. One of the most important things that we can learn is that deep compassion that seeks to help and succour others in their need and sorrow.

These lessons are not learned in days or weeks but in years. They necessitate humour, vision when ideals crumble and—most of all—the courage to endure, by which we gain strength in our progress and inward peace which nothing can destroy.

Suffering for a few years may teach us more valuable lessons than a lifetime of joy, but the most important lesson that we can learn is to have a knowledge of something greater than ourselves, to be humble and abolish self-importance. When we are proud in our loneliness sorrow deepens and lightens only when we seek something stronger than we. When cares become more than we can bear, when the road is dark and we are crying for light a voice will say, if only we will be silent and listen, "I am the way, the truth and the life".

Have faith, believe though the sky is overcast and you cannot see. We will see when the perfect day dawns and we stand at the heights of glory and gaze down at the valley through which we have passed; and each stone that has bruised our feet, each thorn that has scratched our sides and know that we have placed them beneath us forever.

"But never, O my Father, would I have
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Elders LLOYD N. BRADSHAW and FLOYD L. LEAVITT arrived in South Africa on August 10th, after experiencing an enjoyable three weeks' cruise aboard the "African Rainbow."

It seems that the state of Arizona has sent a representative to replace Elder Bowles, who leaves for the States soon. Elder Leavitt hails from the "Temple City" of Mesa, and was engaged in farming before coming into the mission field.

Like his travelling companion, Elder Bradshaw was also engaged in farming

when he received his mission call. Elder Bradshaw's home town, Wellsville, Utah, boasts of rich dairylands and winning baseball teams. The latter fact will interest Cumorah's ball team and it is hoped that the new arrival brought some of the victory spirit with him.

Elder Bradshaw has been assigned to labour with Elder H. L. Beckstrand in the Claremont area, Cape District. Elder Leavitt has been assigned to labour with Elder G. E. Dalton in the Southern Suburbs area, Transvaal District.

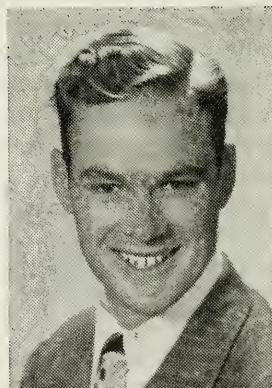


Elder CALVIN G. WEBB was honourably released from his missionary duties on August 29th. He sailed for the U.S. on August 30th, aboard the "African Star."

Arriving in South Africa in September of 1947, Elder Webb laboured first in Goodwood, Cape District, then he spent a few months in Kimberley, one of the more remote centres of the Mission. He completed his mission in Springs, Transvaal District, where he laboured for eight months.

When asked to make a parting statement to the South African Saints, he had this to

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Close on the heels of Elder Webb was Elder GLEN J. PINEGAR, who sailed for the U.S. on September 1st aboard the "African Enterprise," which was making its maiden voyage.

Elder Pinegar spent most of his mission in the Cape District. He laboured in Pine-lands, Sea Point and the Mission Office, where he served as Supervisor of Auxiliary Organisations. Labouring in Durban, as Branch President, for five months completed his mission.

His farewell message was stated in these

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NATAL DISTRICT

**Durban Branch—reported by
Valarie Hancock**

The Mormons had a lot of publicity when the "Yanks" (U.S.A. Mormon Missionaries) played the "Y" Club at the Durban Technical College Hall. Quite a large crowd turned out to the game considering Basket Ball is not yet popular here. The game was organised in aid of Polio Funds and all attending agreed it was a most exciting game. The sides were quite well matched although the "Yanks" kept a steady lead all the way through the game. At half time the score was 24—22 in their favour. Just after half time, the "Y" Club caught up and gained a lead of two points which they kept for a couple of minutes, when the Mormons jumped ahead again and ended the game 57 points to 46. Well done, Yanks, we hope to be able to watch more basket-ball games.

A social was held on August 6th, for the Children's Christmas Tree Funds, under the able direction of Brother Melvy Jakins, the Sunday School Superintendent. A very enjoyable time was had by all attending, and the highlight of the evening was the presence of Mr. Naiker, who performed "magically" for us. We offer our special thanks to Mr. Naiker for making the evening the success it was. The magic was followed by games for the children, refresh-

ments and competitions. It is hoped that there will be a substantial sum of money raised in this and similar ways by the time Christmas is here.

The Boy Scouts of the Mutual, under the leadership of their Scout Master Elder Tom Robinson, took an adventurous hike around Durban on August 13th. It was reported that they had a good time but arrived at their homes very tired after their strenuous efforts. This has not in the least discouraged them and they are looking forward to the next "hike."

Durban has been fortunate in having so many visitors this month. We have had Brother and Sister Norman Muir together with two of their children, June and Clarence, here on holiday from Johannesburg. Brother Louis Duncan brought Sister Hazel van Eck down from Johannesburg. Hazel only spent about three days here, but we feel sure that she enjoyed them on the Durban beach basking in the warm winter sunshine.

Our third visitor was Elder Dayle Jenkins, who called in to say "farewell" before leaving for Cape Town, where he will spend his final month of missionary work before returning to his home in California. Just as we thought our visits were over for the month we were pleasantly surprised by the presence of Elder Edwin Cammack at our Mutual meeting. He, like Elder Jenkins, called in at Durban for a few days to bid us "farewell." He will also complete his mission in the Cape before leaving for his home in the States.

It was wonderful associating with these Saints and we hope they all spent an enjoyable time here. To Elders Jenkins and Cammack we offer our thanks for thinking of us before they left. They had both laboured here for about 11 months so it was really sad parting again. May God bless them always and take them to their loved ones in safety.

It seems that every month we have to say "tot-siens" to one or two of our missionaries but we do know that if we live righteously

we will all have the privilege of renewing our associations in the Hereafter. This month we have had to bid farewell to Elders Horace Nelson and Tom Robinson. With the departing of these two, Durban is left with six instead of eight missionaries. Elder Nelson has been labouring in Durban since his arrival from the States in May. We have very much enjoyed having him labour here among us and have learned a lot from him and his sweet and happy nature. We will miss his smiling greeting. Elder Robinson has been labouring here since February, and we have grown very attached to him. As he held many offices in this Branch we will miss his leadership and guidance as well as his companionship and love he so readily extended us at all times. We pray the Lord's blessings on these two missionaries.

A new club has been organised in Durban and named the Deseret Club. This club was organised by the girls of the Durban Branch to enable them to grow closer to one another and help one another whenever they can. They hold meetings regularly and discuss their problems. They try to help others too, just as true Latter-day Saints should, by favours, sending flowers to the sick, etc. For instance, last month they left a basket-full of groceries on the doorstep of a poor widow they had heard about. There is, through faith in prayer, a spirit of true love among these girls. They have had a busy time this month. Early in the month they held a banquet at one of their homes, preparing the food themselves. Last Sunday night after church they prepared a cold supper as a farewell to Elder Robinson. Unfortunately, Elder Nelson had already left. Keep up the good work, girls, and congratulations—you are all admired for the work you are doing.

**Pietermaritzburg Branch—reported by
Eunice Fountain**

Elders Nelson, Robinson, Reisner, Boede, Felt and Russell visited us during the month. We enjoyed the inspiring talks given by these brethren during their visits.

The 'Maritzburg Branch was happy to receive a visit from Brother and Sister N. G. Muir, and family, from Johannesburg.

TRANSVAAL DISTRICT

**Ramah Branch—reported by
Mary Millan Stark**

On August 4th, the Primary children were welcomed back after the holidays and celebrated by having a bumper party.

"Primaryites" agree that the Branch has some excellent cooks!

We all join in congratulating Brother and Sister Dick Jakins on the birth of another fine son. Little Sheridan Adrian was born on July 25th and everyone hopes he will follow in his father's footsteps by growing up to be a fine missionary some day.

By clever management the congregation at the Sunday evening service saw and heard how a radio broadcast of the Sunday School would appear. The Sunday School Superintendency, helpers and juvenile songsters are to be commended for a fine effort.

We have all felt sympathy with Sister van Eck, who has become fashionable by having her appendix removed, though somewhat under protest. She is happy to be back in circulation again.

Brother and Sister Norman Muir have been the envy of shivering "Randites" while they have been enjoying the sunshine in Durban on vacation.

Elders Christensen, Olsen, Payne and Soren have now joined the great majority—that is, they are numbered among those who have visited the Kruger National Park. However there are still many missionaries who have not yet enjoyed the scenic beauty and the thrill of seeing some of our many species of wild animals in their natural habitat, so if anyone needs some enthusiastic passengers, they know where they can be found.

A Ramah member has arranged for an in-

vation to our missionaries to speak at the "Brains Trust," organised by the Institute of Citizenship. The group meets every fortnight at the Johannesburg Library and Elder Nicholas G. Smith, Jr., will be the first missionary to take part in the session to be held on September 2nd. The Elders continue to make fine contacts and are earning a reputation for friendliness and adaptability.

Elder G. Dalton has been invited by the Pretoria Technical College to coach a basketball team and arrange for an exhibition game.

Northwestern Branch—reported by Janetta Brummer

Brother Johannes Eliza Brummer passed away on August 16th after suffering from an attack of meningitis. Brother Brummer was an Elder in the Church and was 37 at his death. He is survived by his widow and three children.

Sister Janetta Brummer's brother passed away on the 3rd of August.

Springs Branch—reported by Mavis E. Louw

"Chief Justice" Elder Dale Reed presided at the Court of "Injustice" held at the request of Court Orderly, Tommy Jubber, in order to raise Sunday School Funds. Everybody was fined but paid up eagerly.

Elders Dalton and Christensen were the guest speakers at the Sacrament service on August 7th.

On the 13th a farewell party was held for Elder Shirley. Brother and Sister Troskie of Pretoria, accompanied by the Pretoria Elders and Edna Heim, were welcome visitors to Springs on this day.

Elders Rockwood and Quick, Bell and Goodman were also amongst the revellers.

Elders T. Max Evans and Nicholas G. Smith were the speakers at a special baptismal service held at Ramah by the Springs branch on the 14th of August. Elder J. F.

Shirley baptised Bobby Wilson and he was confirmed by Brother I. C. Louw. We welcome Bobby as a member and pray God will bless him.

On Wednesday the 17th all the Relief Society sisters and their husbands met at the station prior to the Relief Society meeting, to say good-bye to Elder Shirley. We welcomed Elder Nelson to Springs and hope his stay will be a happy one.

A fine young lady, little Miss Mergatroyd (Elder L. C. Rockwood) paid Elder Romney a fine tribute by attending Elder Romney's birthday party, accompanied by an escort of 13 missionaries. Everybody admired her beautiful locks and lovely skin.

We join with Mrs. Kotze in thanking the Lord that Miss Rita Kotze is home again although she hasn't fully recovered yet.

We also wish Miss Philly Kotze a speedy recovery after her appendix operation.

NOTICE

In order to complete the Mission history files, the Historian requests two bound volumes of Cumorah's Southern Messengers dating from January 1932 to December 1934, inclusive.

Any information regarding these volumes will be greatly appreciated and should be sent to the Mission Historian at Cumorah.

There are still a few bound volumes of CSM's, dating from January 1944 to December 1947, for sale at 12s. 6d. per volume.

CAPE DISTRICT

Mowbray Branch—reported by B. E. Smith

The latter part of August has lived up to its reputation of being the Cape's month of storms. The rain which has been late in starting has made up for lost time.

Brother Edwin Jakins bade farewell to Epping Gardens Sunday School on July

31st. He spoke especially to the children in his farewell address, advising them to learn more of the Gospel and to become active members in their own community. Brother Jakins is taking a long vacation, part of which will be spent at Grahams-town and the rest at Durban.

The speakers at the Sacrament Meeting on the 7th of August were Elders Scott and Jex. Elder Jex seems to be stepping into the place vacated by Elder Cockrell, another of our very cheerful Elders.

There is always something especially beautiful about the baptism of a child. Little Sister Dorothy Neilsen was baptized on the afternoon of the 7th by Elder Wagstaff, after which she was confirmed by President Yarn.

Two more baptisms took place on the afternoon of the 14th, when Sisters Cynthia Campbell and Lily Heyne were baptised by Elders Duncan and F. Bradshaw, respectively. Both of these ladies have been doing splendid work for the Church for some time past, and we are pleased to welcome them into the fold. Sister Campbell was confirmed by President Yarn and Sister Heyne by Elder Pinegar. Sister Campbell has been Second Counsellor of Sea Point Relief Society this year.

The Branch Officers' and Teachers' Meeting on the eighth was well-attended, although we have not yet had a hundred per cent. attendance for any of these meetings. Many matters were brought up for discussion, among them being plans for building improvements and plans for the bazaar. It is good for all officers and teachers to make use of these gatherings to put forward suggestions and talk over schemes for the better working of all auxiliaries.

Elders Matkin and Pinegar gave their farewell addresses on July 31st. Shipping problems, however, have left them still in our midst; although they will soon be crossing the Atlantic to their own homes.

Sacrament Service on the 14th was under the auspices of the Sunday School. Sister May Rayner gave an inspiring talk on the influence of the Sunday School in family life. She sets a splendid example by attend-

ing regularly with her sons. Elder Thorn discussed the influence of the Priesthood on family life. Elder Hyer (who has only recently returned to the Cape) then spoke on the L.D.S. philosophy of life.

Fireside on the 14th was held at the home of Brother and Sister Higgs. It was under the direction of Brothers Hugh Helm and Bernie Rayner, and proved to be a very cosy, informal musical evening. The star performers were Brother Richard Yarn, who played a cornet solo; and Brother Hugh Helm, who described the Descant Recorder (in a light and interesting manner) before rendering several items on the instrument. Elder Frank Bradshaw led the group in community singing. One of the "high lights" of the evening was the playing of the record made by the "Cumorah Quartette" who, alas, are no longer at "Cumorah."

Congratulations to Brother Pieter van Rhyn and Sister Yvonne Enslin, who announced their engagement during this month. Evidently it is not only in the spring that a "young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love." We are sure that these young people will be very happy.

Sister Lena Park is still in Groote Schuur Hospital. Her condition is improving, and we pray that she may progress in strength from day to day until she is completely recovered.

We pray also that Sister Frances Louw, who has been ill, may soon be restored to health and strength.

It has been good to welcome back Sister Irene Newton and Sister Maria Butt, both of whom have been ill.

The Relief Society's combined meeting on the 9th was a very pleasant gathering. These meetings afford the Sisters a fine opportunity to get to know each other, and the spirit of helpfulness is being fostered. It is particularly pleasing to record that the Sisters from Eerste River turn out to every one of these gatherings.

The speakers at evening service on the 21st were Brother Eddie Higgs, who chose as his subject "Family Prayer," Brother
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THE GLORY OF GOD

*Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,
And the man that getteth understanding.
For the merchandise of it is better
than the merchandise of silver,
And the gain thereof than fine gold.*

—Proverbs 3:13, 14.

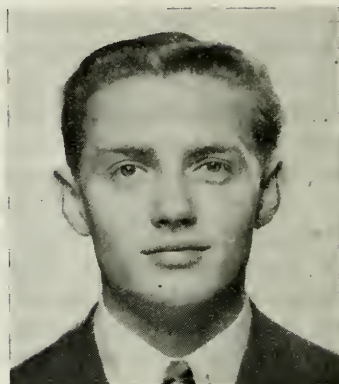
*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of
wisdom: a good understanding have all
they that do his commandments: his praise
endureth forever.*

—Psalms 111:10.

From time to time many of us glibly quote two very familiar passages from the Doctrine and Covenants. These two passages, both expressing the same general idea, have taken such a prominent position in Mormon theology that their meaning has seemed self-evident. And yet, there has been to a great extent a tendency to misconstrue the basic concept these phrases set forth. "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A MAN TO BE SAVED IN IGNORANCE." (D. & C. 131:6.) Again, "THE GLORY OF GOD IS INTELLIGENCE." (D. & C. 93:36.) Intelligence! A very powerful and familiar word to us all. However, after attaching some of the common connotations to the word, we find that the intended meaning of the phrase is still wanting. What is this intelligence, "The Glory of God", that everyone is seeking?

The word is current as connoting (1) the mental capacity to know and understand; (2) knowledge itself, or the thing that is known and understood; and (3) the person who knows and understands. In the normal sense and the current manner of usage these are entirely adequate. However, when applied as a definition of our phrase "The Glory of God", we find they give us a meaning so broad in scope and so non-restrictive in kind that they are quite ineffectual.

Knowledge of what? An understanding of what? Fortunately we get our answer by merely reading more carefully our passage from the Doctrine & Covenants. "The glory of God is intelligence, or, in other words, light and truth." "Light and truth forsake that evil one." The next context of the passage shows that the intelligence



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therein referred to as an attribute of Deity is spiritual light and truth; and that man may attain to a measure of this exalting light and truth is thus made certain: "He that keepeth His commandments receiveth truth and light, until he is glorified in truth and knoweth all things." (D. & C. 93:28.)

Thus we see that the intelligence that saves is not merely a knowledge of the diverse subjects of our world. The intelligence that saves comprises knowing and doing what is required by the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and such intelligence will endure beyond death. Intelligence as to godly things, which are summarised in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, leads to an ever increasing understanding and comprehension of God himself, and this is knowledge supreme; for as the praying Christ affirmed: "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3.)

In the heavens as upon the earth the aphorism holds good that Knowledge is Power, providing that by "knowledge" we mean application, and not merely mental possession, of truth. Not all knowledge is of equal worth. The knowledge that constitutes the wisdom of the heavens is all embraced in the Gospel as taught by Jesus Christ, and wilful ignorance of this, the

highest type of knowledge, will relegate its victim to the inferior order of intelligences. "It is impossible for a man to be saved in ignorance." Can it be otherwise? If a man be ignorant of the terms on which salvation is predicated, he is unable to comply therewith, and consequently fails to attain what otherwise might have been his eternal gain. The ignorance that thus condemns is responsible ignorance, involving wilful and sinful neglect. Lack of the saving knowledge that one has had no opportunity to acquire is but a temporary deficiency; for eternal justice provides means of education beyond the grave. Every one of us will be judged according to the measure of light and truth we have had opportunity to acquire. Note again. We are held accountable not only for the amount of enlightenment we actually have acquired, but also for that amount which we have had the opportunity to acquire.

It is an aphorism of the courts that ignorance of the law is no valid excuse for crime. If this rule be just it must rest upon the assumption that knowledge of what the law demands or forbids is an inherent and natural possession, or that it is so readily accessible that no one is justified in failing to become informed.

There is no inborn knowledge by which man knows that baptism by immersion in water and the higher baptism of the Spirit through the imposition of hands are essential to salvation; nevertheless our Lord's words to Nicodemus are alike binding upon every soul: "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God."

It is less reasonable with respect to spiritual requirements than it is secular matters to expect of every one an acquaintance with the law as it applies to himself, providing, of course, such knowledge is accessible to all? The degree to which a person may be held culpable for his ignorance of the divine law is of course dependent upon the fundamental cause for his ineptitude. However, failure to know or to comprehend may be due to bias or a lack of desire to know. When our Lord was upon the earth he told

the people, "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." (John 7: 16, 17.)

Are you unable to realise that baptism is essential to salvation? Perhaps the cause lies in the fact that you have never developed the essential condition of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; or, perchance, you have never repented of your sins. **WILFUL IGNORANCE OF GOSPEL REQUIREMENTS IS SIN.** Man is untrue to his divine birthright of reason when he turns away from the truth, or deliberately chooses to walk in darkness when the illumined path is before him. In another very uncompromising sentence Christ said, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." (Luke 9: 62.) We, as members of Christ's Church, have put our hands to the plough. We have the way open before us if we will only choose to follow. Having access to the way of truth, we have a great responsibility upon our shoulders. There is no turning back now. Ours is a religion of improvement, of progression. It is calculated to expand the minds of the children of men and lead them up into the state of intelligence that will be an honour to their being. The way is open to us to study to learn the nature of mankind, and to discern that divinity inherent in us all. There is only one goal that we can choose, the highest goal attainable—eternal life.

IN SYMPATHY

Siebert Johannes Wiid, father of Sisters Edith Wiid and Clara McAdam, died on September 1st at the age of 91. Funeral services were held at Goodall & Co., Cape Town, under the direction of Brother Alvin Park, Mowbray Branch President. Brother Thomas Wilson dedicated the grave during services held at the Woltemade burial grounds.

We extend our deepest sympathies to those who mourn the passing of this beloved father.

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Peter Gilmour, who, as always, gave an interesting talk on the subject of the True Religion, and Elder Johnson, who spoke on the fact that the "glory of God is intelligence."

**Port Elizabeth Branch—reported by
Theresa Trollip**

The Relief Society and Priesthood groups held a combined meeting on the 28th. Elder K. R. Curtis conducted a discussion on the art of speech making. He explained that since the members were frequently called upon to speak in meetings they should have a knowledge of the correct principles of public speaking. Many useful points were discussed which will aid us in our religious speeches.

Elder D. F. Jenkins left for Johannesburg on the 29th. Many friends gathered at the station to say goodbye and wish him God-speed.

We were happy to welcome Elder G. Gail Weggeland on the 30th, and we hope he will enjoy labouring in P.E.

On Saturday, August 13th, a social was held at the home of Brother R. K. F. Doller in aid of the building fund. We were greatly surprised to have Elder Jenkins attend this social. Upon interviewing him it was learnt that he was on his way to Cape Town where he will sail for the U.S. during the middle of September. The social was an enjoyable success and our building fund was financially aided.

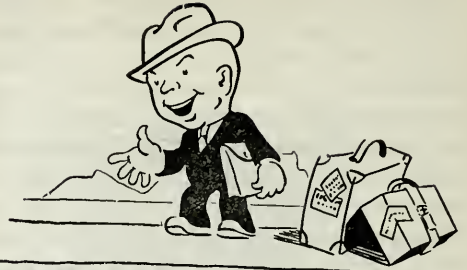
We were pleased to have Elder Jenkins attend Sunday School on the 14th. He played the organ and gave a short talk which was very encouraging to us. That afternoon the Saints gathered at the Quay and bade him farewell as he boarded the "Edinburgh Castle."

God bless you, Elder Jenkins! May you have a safe and enjoyable trip home.

**East London Branch—reported by
Rita Booysen**

The month here in East London opened with a picnic held at the Nahoon River mouth. The organising was ably done by Elder Bowles who delighted the children

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TRANSFERS

Elder ROBERT P. THORN—transferred from Kenilworth, Cape District, to Pretoria, Transvaal District, on August 10th. He is labouring with Elder R. W. Gardner.

Elder JAMES F. SHIRLEY—transferred from Springs, Transvaal District, to Devils Peak, Cape District, on August 10th. He is labouring with Elder R. L. Jex.

Elder HERBERT G. WILCOX—transferred from the Mission Office, Cape District, to Bloemfontein, O.F.S. District, on August 17th. He is labouring with Elder W. E. Christensen.

Elder HORACE D. NELSON—transferred from Durban, Natal District, to Springs, Transvaal District, on August 18th. He is labouring with Elder A. L. Romney.

Elder STEWART H. PARKER—transferred from Bloemfontein, O.F.S. District, to Krugersdorp, Transvaal District, on August 20th. He is labouring with Elder W. D. Bell.

Elder JOSEPH E. NIVEN—transferred from Rondebosch to Heathfield, within the Cape District, on August 22nd. He is labouring with Elder C. W. Wilkes.

Elder VERNON L. SCOTT—transferred from Devil's Peak to Pinelands, within the Cape District, on August 22nd. He is labouring with Elder H. N. Buhler.

Elder THOMAS E. ROBINSON—transferred from Durban, Natal District, to East London, Cape District, on August 25th. He is labouring with Elder R. M. Patrick.

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ELDER WEBB

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say: "Saying farewell to you wonderful people is one of the hardest things I have ever tried to do. I have learned to love you and your country about the same as I do my own. I want to thank all of you for making the two years that I have been here the happiest two of my life. The spiritual development that I have gained here cannot be valued in pounds. In fact, this development means more to me than life itself.

"Thanks for all those wonderful meals and all those good times that we have had together. I shall never forget them.

"I pray that God may ever bless you for your faithfulness and your desires to do good. I pray that He will protect you from the adversary in all the things you set out to accomplish.

"In closing, I want to urge every one of you to live the principles of the gospel. As the Lord puts it, 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all other things shall be added unto you'."

Elder Webb is returning to his home in Riverton, Utah, where he plans to return to his former occupation, farming.

TRANSFERS

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Elder HERMAN N. BUHLER—transferred from Ramah, Transvaal District, to Pinelands, Cape District, on August 31st. He is labouring with Elder V. L. Scott.

Elder WILLIAM E. CHRISTENSEN—transferred from Southern Suburbs, Transvaal District, to Bloemfontein, O.F.S. District, on August 31st. He is labouring with Elder H. G. Wilcox.

Elder GILBERT G. TOBLER—transferred from Florida, Transvaal District, to Sea Point, Cape District, on August 31st. He is labouring with Elder D. G. Johnson.

Elder J. CLYDE GOODMAN—transferred from Krugersdorp to Florida, within the Transvaal District, on August 31st. He is labouring with Elder J. Taylor.

ELDER PINEGAR

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words: "I wish to express my sincere thanks to all of you for making my stay here enjoyable. I'll always remember the many kindnesses shown me and I pray the Lord's blessings upon you for your charitableness.

"I admonish you to live the gospel to the best of your abilities that you may enjoy eternal life in the presence of our Heavenly Father. Always remember to place your faith in God and not in man.

"God bless you until we meet again."

Elder Pinegar is returning to his home in Provo, Utah, where he plans to engage in farming and study educational methods as a sideline.

We join with the South African Saints in wishing these brethren God speed and "alles van die beste."

"MORMONAIREs" Attract Bloemfontein*(Continued from Page 128)*

of "Sarie Marais," the popular South African tune which they sang in Afrikaans with a slight Western American twang.

The activities of this famed group were climaxed as Elder Stewart Parker left for Krugersdorp, where he will continue his labours with Elder Bell.

Elder Wilcox had already arrived in Bloemfontein to take Elder Parker's place, but this left a peculiar situation as far as the quartette was concerned. The local Press, being interested in the outcome, explained the situation in this way:

"The 'Mormonaires,' American missionaries whose 'close harmony' proved so popular with 'Royal Flush' (Royal Salute) audiences, exist no longer as a quartette. One member has been transferred to the Transvaal and the man who has come to replace him is a bass. This makes two basses, which isn't quite in order. So no more 'Mormonaires' for

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BRANCH NEWS

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with a treasure hunt. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the games and went home tired, but very happy after the outing.

On Sunday, the 10th, a simple but beautiful service was held in the morning at which time Brother Melvin Jubber was selected and set apart as First Counsellor in the Sunday School Superintendency, while Sister Mona McCallum was set apart as Second Counsellor. Everyone enjoyed the Spirit of the Lord which prevailed at the meeting.

We are to lose Elder Bowles this month. He is going home soon and we extend our sincere wishes for a safe return to his loved ones. We will miss his sincerity and we can only hope that his mission here in South Africa has not been beset with too many difficulties and drawbacks.

"MORMONAIRE"

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local audiences until the position is redressed." (Quoted from "The Friend," Bloemfontein daily paper.)

Other favourable newspaper articles appeared later with pictures of the "Mormonaires," not only praising their singing but also explaining the missionary activities of the Church.

The publicity gained by this singing group will be a great asset to the missionaries in the future. Instead of receiving the usual reception when at the door in tracting of "Sorry, I'm not interested," it was "Good morning, come right in; we know who you are."

Once again, the Gospel of Jesus Christ was preached through the instrumentality of music, as many homes were contacted through this effort that could not have been reached in any other way.

Life—a Lesson ...

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trodden this path without Thy promise that 'Underneath are the everlasting arms' to comfort and to sustain me. The loving hands that have guided me and helped me when I have stumbled. I have faith in Thee, for never hast Thou broken a promise or lied to me."

(Sister Madge West's article appears as the prize-winning article for June in the CSM literature contest. Congratulations Sister West!)

HOUSEHOLD HINT

Everything has a use; even orange and grapefruit skins left over from breakfast.

Boil small aluminium gadgets, cup measures, jiggers, etc., with the left-overs and they will come out sparkling.

RELIEF SOCIETY CORNER

By JEAN D. WRIGHT

APPLESAUCE BREAD (LOAF)

- 2 cups flour
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup nuts
- 1 egg slightly beaten
- 1 cup thick applesauce
- 2 tbsp. melted shortening

Sift dry ingredients and add nuts, beat egg and then add applesauce. **Put shortening in last.** Bake 1 hour—350 degrees.